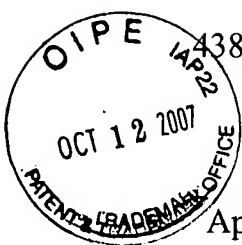


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Atsushi Tanno
Serial No.: 10/567,380
Conf. No.: 9651
Filed: February 7, 2006
For: TIRE WHEEL ASSEMBLY AND
NOISE-REDUCING DEVICE
Art Unit: 1733
Examiner: Fischer, Justin R.

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October 8, 2007

Date

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TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-150

Sir:

- (X) Enclosed is a Response to Election/Restriction Requirement.
- (X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed September 18, 2007, Applicants elects the species that the shell structure is supported by a pair of elastic rings, which read upon Claims 1-2, 4-9, and 11-14, without traverse. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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